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The International Inter Service Sailing Regatta, being hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club and supported by the Irish Defence Forces, will be held in the waters of, and surrounding, Cork Harbour, Ireland as part of Volvo Cork Week 2024 from July 15th to 19th 2024. A Perpetual Trophy in honour of Sir Francis Beaufort, creator of the Beaufort Scale, will be presented to the Overall Winner.

EVENT FORMAT
The Organising Authority (OA) for the 2024 Beaufort Cup is The Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC).

The Offshore Race, of approximately 24 hours duration, will start on Monday 15th July from Haulbowline Island, the home of the Irish Naval Service. Subject to weather conditions, the Fastnet Rock will be a Mark of the course. The inshore race series will be held from Wednesday 17th July in conjunction with Volvo Cork Week 2024.

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 (RRS), the Irish Sailing Prescriptions and the IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C, except that,

(i) for the purposes of IRC 21.1.5, this is a regatta run on consecutive days (so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout), and;

(ii) IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be equal to the crew number shown on the certificate plus one. There is no weight limit."

Where there is conflict with this Notice of Race, or the Volvo Cork Week Notice of Regatta, the Beaufort Cup Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

The Beaufort Cup will see sailing teams, representing their uniformed services, compete over five days in a mix of challenging offshore sailing and tactical inshore racing.

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EVENT SUPPORT

A limited amount of logistic support may be available from the Irish Defence Forces to competitors during the Beaufort Cup.

Any interested teams having difficulty securing a suitable boat for the event are invited to contact the OA. Similarly, boat owners requiring qualifying service crew are invited to express their interest in competing in this exceptional event. While the OA cannot guarantee the provision of a boat or crew, all measures will be taken to provide help where possible.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Beaufort Cup is open to all yachts with an Endorsed IRC Certificate having a TCC between 0.990 and 1.075. Additionally, and at the absolute discretion of the OA, boats that participated in the event previously but rating outside of these handicap limits may be permitted entry.

Each entering team shall be responsible for providing its own boat, which shall be entered in the name of the associated uniformed service ('Service').

Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Airforce, Police and Emergency Rescue Services have been pre-approved for participation in the Beaufort Cup. Other uniformed services who would like to compete should contact the OA to confirm their eligibility.

At least 50% of the crew of any entered yacht must be active members of the Service in whose name the yacht is entered.

World Sailing Classification Group 3 sailors are not permitted to sail in the Beaufort Cup. At the absolute discretion of the OA, a Group 3 sailor may be permitted to compete in the Regatta if such person can show to the satisfaction of the OA that s/he takes part in racing only as a pastime and not as part of his/her trade or business. Sailors who believe themselves to be in this category shall apply to the OA in writing and no later than the 1st of July 2024, setting out the grounds of application.

It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine and submit their World Sailing Regulation 22 status to the OA.

Additionally, each yacht is required to carry sufficient liferaft capacity to cater for the total number of crew onboard and hold a valid in-date service certificate for same.

All required equipment shall remain onboard for the duration of the event. Safety inspections may take place before the start of the Offshore Race, and at any stage during the event.

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of €200 shall be payable by yacht, payable in full upon submission. This sum includes participation in all racing, yacht berthage for the duration of the event, and eight crew tickets for Beaufort Cup social events (additional tickets may be available for purchase).

SOCIAL

All Beaufort Cup competitors will also be part of Volvo Cork Week 2024 and are welcome to enjoy the comprehensive entertainment provided at the RCYC. Additionally, the Irish Naval Service will host a military function exclusively for Beaufort Cup competitors and invited guests during the event.

PRIZES

The overall series winner will be awarded the Beaufort Cup. As in previous years, a material charitable fund will also be donated to the chosen charity of the event winner.

In addition, race trophies in honour of notable historic Irish maritime figures such as Admiral William Brown, Commodore John Barry, Francis Holland etc. will be awarded. The trophy for the Offshore race will be presented at the Beaufort Cup Gala Dinner.

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All Beaufort Cup participants will be made Honorary Members of the Royal Cork Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

About the Beaufort Cup

The Beaufort Cup Regatta is being held as part of Volvo Cork Week 2024. The Beaufort Cup is named after Sir Francis Beaufort, creator of the Beaufort Wind Scale who was born in Ireland.

The Beaufort Cup invites sailing teams, representing their associated uniformed services, to compete in a mix of challenging offshore and inshore races over five days to be crowned the 2024 Beaufort Cup champion.

In addition to a competitive inter-service regatta, participating teams will enjoy the renowned social experience of Volvo Cork Week. The winning team will also allocate a substantial donation to their nominated charity and be in contention to be named Volvo Cork Week 2024 'Boat Of The Week'.

" Campaigning for the Beaufort Cup is an experience in world class Corinthian offshore sailing, international camaraderie & diplomacy, and the brilliant warmth of the Irish welcome! The Irish Ministry of Defence and the Royal Cork Yacht Club have created a premier charity sporting event deserving of international recognition and participation. In 2022, it was a big organizational step for US Patriot Sailing to compete in this regatta - our experience in Cork was so great that we committed on the spot to return in 2024 with 3 crews. We have a keen eye on winning the Cup, yet equally focused on reconnecting with friends made during last Beaufort Cup campaign and on establishing new friendships across each of the international crews.

When you come to Cork, bring your best - both on and off the water - this event will be a highlight in your life of memories! "

Peter Quinn (USN, ret) - Director, US Patriot Sailing

The Royal Cork Yacht Club, supported by the Irish Defence Forces, invites services from Ireland and around the world to compete for the Beaufort Cup. We expect to see Defence Force teams from a number of countries, but also other uniformed services such as Police, Fire, Rescue, RNLI and Coastguard teams.

Choose to be part of a very special Regatta with a unique social aspect, by competing for the Beaufort Cup in July 2024.

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